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1. The Chief of the Czechoslovak Army General Staff General Jaroslav Prochazka, former Czechoslovak Ambassador to the USSR Division General Bohumil Lastovicka*, Chief of the Medical Department of the Czechoslovak Army General Mkvasil (sic), and General Genek Hruska** were purged in January 1952 and were replaced by members of the SNB.
2. The Czech armed forces have completed mobilization plans, specifying which units will occupy such strategic installations as rail centers and industrial plants. Early in 1952 major troop units will be instructed in preparation for a war emergency situation.***
3. A radar station, believed to be a long-range warning set, is located at Hora Svateho Sebastiana (N51/K92).
4. Soviet-type Katyusha rocket launchers are being manufactured in a plant in Adamov (P50/N41), which employs about 5,000 workers, and on the site of a former textile factory in Humpolec (O50/M53). Rocket ammunition is also produced at Humpolec.
5. A new military research institute rumored to be for research in radiation (Strahlen) is located in the Sarka area, the valley of the Vltava River just north of Prague.
6. An additional 2,000 workers have been assigned to the Pardubice (O51/M79) area for exploration and mining of uranium.

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* [] Comment: Lastovicka has recently been reported as Vice Minister of National Defense. [] 25X1A

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